



Education Department Resource

Is Everyone Protected by the Bill of Rights?

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In this lesson, students explore whether gays should be entitled to serve in the military. To understand this issue, students take a look at the civil rights afforded to

every US citizen. We explore how this applied to the civil rights movement, and whether it is also applicable to gays who want to serve in the military. All this is used to gather information for a final debate about the issue using skills and research found in the lesson:

<http://www.thirteen.org/wnetschool/originallessons/billofrights>

Grade Level: 10-12

Time Allotment: Approximately two weeks

Subject Matter: Social Studies and Language Arts

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